



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

## **Requirements for Teachers Issuing 7-8 Grade Students High School Credit in Mathematics (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra)**

Arizona Revised Statute R7-2-302.02

Beginning with the graduating class of 2013, there are now increased requirements for Mathematics totaling four credits (compared to the previous requirement of two credits). Per Board Rule R7-2-302.02, "courses successfully completed prior to the ninth grade that meet the high school Mathematics credit requirements may be applied toward satisfying those requirements." At the request of district and charter schools, the following guidance is provided to ensure that teachers of such courses are appropriately certified and federally highly qualified.

This guidance applies to teachers who are instructing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and assigning high school (9<sup>th</sup> grade) credit for Algebra.

### Appropriately Certified\*

- Middle grades (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) teachers with a valid Elementary certificate must have Middle Grades Mathematics as an approved area on their certificate to be appropriately certified for this position.
- Secondary certified teachers may have either Mathematics or Middle Grades Mathematics as an approved area on their certificate to be appropriately certified for this position.

### Highly Qualified

- Teachers instructing this course must have a Bachelor's degree, a valid Arizona teaching certificate (except charter schools) and show content competency in either Middle Grades Mathematics or Mathematics (7-12).
- Depth of content knowledge may be demonstrated by the following options:
  - Passed the appropriate AEPA or NES Subject Knowledge exam **OR**
  - Has an out-of-state reciprocal exam **OR**
  - Holds an advanced degree in Mathematics **OR**
  - Has a major/24 credit hours in Mathematics **OR**
  - Holds National Board Certification in Mathematics (Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood) **OR**
  - Earned a minimum of 100 points on the AZ HOUSE for Veteran Teachers Returning to the Profession- Middle, Junior High, High School, Visual Arts & Music (documentation required) **OR**
  - Earned a minimum of 100 points on the AZ HOUSSSE for Middle, Junior High, High School, Visual Arts & Music completed no later than June 30, 2007 (documentation required) **OR**
  - Has an out-of-state reciprocal HOUSSSE rubric (with supporting documentation)

\*Public charter schools are not required to have certified teachers, with the exception of Special Education teachers who must hold the appropriate certification.